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And this is a fine kettle of fish we're in. I thought we were getting to the top of the barrel for a moment there, but the bracket motion sure closed us a little deeper in the brine. And we're getting...and we're not...we're not done yet. There are other things that are going to come...be coming up later on that's going to be a harder vote for you, Senator Cudaback. It's going to be a harder decision to make. We got by the easy ones. Those were easy decisions. As we go along here today and next week, there'll be harder decisions. I think you had a decision, an easier decision just a little bit ago, but that's over, that's done with so we're going to go on. So it's going to be interesting to see how...how my colleagues vote on this package. But we're not done yet. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Brashear.

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, Senator Chambers, I liked the poem, the song. It was well done. Didn't necessarily agree with the substance, but...by the way, I am serious about my amendments. One of the interesting aspects of life here in the...on the floor is that the very people who were out there lobbying the last bill on the same side I was will be lobbying against me on this one. I guess that's what keeps it interesting and shows we're a free and debating society. I don't think the glass is half empty. We can do the "woe is me." If we want to stand here with one hand tied behind our back, we can do that. But maybe we ought to share with the people the truth. I've been trying for years on this particular subject, and I'm, so what, who cares, I'm just one person. And I want to say here and now there are a lot of people here that are more knowledgeable on this subject than I am, and I could list them: the Speaker, Senator Wickersham, Chairman Coordsen, on and on and on. I'm not trying to be a tax expert, but I've learned something over the years in being involved politically. I learned something by going out and talking to the people, and that is, they don't understand what you understand about tax base and rates and the economy and the relationship. They don't understand it. And if we don't discuss it and if we don't conduct, so to speak, a public information campaign as a part of the discharge of our duty to represent them, they never will. Now the simple fact of the matter is I didn't participate in the